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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Johnson et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

**In the Claims:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, that is a deodorant composition for use on the human body or in close proximity thereto.

4. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the cation of the chelator salt is a protonated amine.

(Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the organic cation is present at a level sufficient to neutralise at least 60% of any acid groups on the acid form of the chelator anion.